HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 208 By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the brave members of the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department of Hamilton County on the occasion of their 30th anniversary.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, by providing emergency services, volunteer firefighters defend our homes and our workplaces against the destruction and ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to these exemplary citizens who give unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the estimable individuals who comprise Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire

Department represent one such exemplary group of citizens; this year, the department is

celebrating thirty years of quality service to the Dallas Bay community of Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, formed on June 14, 1975, the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department began with a handful of volunteers and has since grown into a fully functioning fire department with three fire stations and seven fire and rescue vehicles; and

WHEREAS, during its thirty-year existence, the department has steadily expanded and greatly enhanced the superb fire service it provides to the Dallas Bay community; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the members of the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department have saved many homes and countless memories for their friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department embody the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to seize this golden opportunity to honor and thank all the volunteer firefighters of the Dallas Bay Fire Department for their immeasurable contributions to the welfare of their community and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department for their diligent and dedicated service to their community, their unsurpassed public service, and their outstanding character, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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